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Hello,

The purpose of this mail is to comment on the proposed Microsoft settlement as outlined in the Tunney Act. I have read over Dan Kegel's comments <http://www.kegel.com/remedy/letter.html> and I find that I am in agreement with them. I have also mailed Mr. Kegel and indicated my willingness to be to be a cosigner of his letter.

It is clear to me that the settlement represents a sudden and drastic change in direction towards the resolution for the Microsoft case. It is cowardly and insincere to aggressively and successfully pursue a (just) decision against Microsoft, and then suddenly back off with a toothless settlement. This change in direction is clearly due to the politics and policies of the Bush administration.

In my limited understanding of our political system, this seems to indicate that the independence of the judicial branch of the government has been compromised in some way. This has much greater impact on American society than the Microsoft case itself. I believe that most Americans who understand the actual issues surrounding this case are deeply troubled by the proposed settlement and would like to see one which addresses Microsoft's practices with remedies that will end their monopoly. The proposed settlement is a sellout which will undermine the peoples' faith in the ability of our government to act in the interests of the American consumer.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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